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COMICS Metro Canada is getting into the funny business. Starting today, Metro will be publishing Six Chix, an innovative daily comic created by a group of female cartoonists.

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Along with your daily dose of Six Chix, Metro Canada is now offering more than 60 cartoon strips a day, and an archive of more than 1,500 comics, on its website, metronews.ca.

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Today

- **Anne Hines on celebrating birthdays, pg 7**

TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

Performers danced as a part of the Wonders of Sand festival at Lac Beauchamp yesterday. More than 15,000 people came to check out the 17 professional, jungle-themed sculptures.

Turning sand into art

Thousands come out to see sculptures at festival

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The secret to making a good beach sculpture is knowing the sand, according to one of the sculptors who created pieces for the Maracumba, Wonders of Jungle exhibit at this weekend's Wonders of Sand festival in Gatineau.

"Every sand is different so you need to test before," said Marc Lepire, a professional ice carver and sand sculptor.

The sand at Lac Beauchamp had a lot of clay in it, which meant it was great for big overhangs, but not so good for detailed work and straight lines, he said.

In previous years, professional sculptors competed against one another at the Wonders of Sand, but since they only had the weekend to complete the work, it meant as few as six high-quality sculptures on display for the weekend, said event spokesperson Anny Spooner.

This year, instead of a competition, Lepire and other professional sculptors teamed up to create 17 pieces for the jungle-themed professional exhibit. Spooner said they are already looking to expand to around 40 sculptures for next year with a different theme.

Lepire said it takes a team of three an entire day just to pack the sand in order to get it ready for sculpting. Then a carving team will take two or three days to create the sculpture.

The event also held competitions for amateur teams and individual sculptors yesterday afternoon.

Though his St. John's Ambulance youth team didn't win for creating an ambulance surrounded by a giant snake, Ottawa resident Sebastien Dube said the competition was more fun than he expected.

"I don't think we expected to win, but at least it looks like a snake," said his teammate Cynthia Clark, from Gatineau. "It was supposed to be just an ambulance, but when we realized there was a jungle theme we added the snake."

Visitors

- Despite cool weather for most of Saturday, around 15,000 visitors turned out to see the sculptures and play at the beach over the weekend.

O'Brien defence team set to go

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TRIAL The defence of Mayor Larry O'Brien officially begins today.

The mayor's trial will resume after what essentially amounted to a month-long hiatus while Judge Douglas J. Cunningham considered and then rejected a motion from O'Brien's defence team to dismiss the case.

On June 9, defence lawyer David Paciocco urged Cunningham to drop the charges on the basis that the sections of the Criminal Code under which O'Brien is facing two charges do not catch the actions he is accused of.

Larry O'Brien

Even if O'Brien had indeed attempted to secure a position on the National Parole Board for Terry Kilrea in exchange for his dropping out of the 2006 mayoral campaign, it is not a crime, Paciocco said.

Interpreting the laws to apply to this case would also catch Senate appointments, and parliamentary floor crossings, which is not the intent of the law, Paciocco argued.

On June 26, Cunningham ruled those Criminal Code sections are indeed intended to prevent misconduct on the part of politicians.

Today, O'Brien's lawyer Michael Edelson will reveal which, if any, witnesses will be called for the defence.

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Traffic lane near Portage Bridge to be closed
Starting today, a lane of traffic on LeBreton Boulevard and Wellington Street near the Portage Bridge will be closed to motor vehicle traffic to facilitate rehabilitation work. METRO OTTAWA

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Calling all aspiring spies

This summer, kids 7-11 years old can hone their spy skills at Canada's Cold War Museum when Diefenbunker hosts its Spy Camp. For five days each session, campers — under the themes of Spy Masters, Code Breakers and Masters of Disguise — can try on disguises, explore the museum through scavenger hunts and create their own spy tools while learning new spy skills. Camps run from July 20 through Aug. 14. METRO OTTAWA

Teen injured in motocross accident

RACEWAY A teenager suffered serious head and spinal injuries at a motocross track near Richmond yesterday, just one day after five teenagers were injured at the same track.

Ottawa paramedics said yesterday they had responded to their third call this weekend at the San Del Lee Raceway on Conley Road south of Kanata.

At 10:15 a.m. paramedics arrived on the scene, where a 16-year-old male had suffered head and spinal trauma. He was unconscious and taken to the pediatric trauma centre, where he was in serious condition.

On Saturday afternoon, paramedics responded to a multiple-casualty incident at the raceway, where five male patients 15-19 years old were treated and transported to hospitals with traumatic injuries of varying severity.

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Record attendance at festival

Annual jazz celebration wraps up another successful year

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The Ottawa International Jazz Festival wrapped up last night, and while attendance numbers aren't in yet, organizers said signs point to this being one of the best festivals ever.

In 2008, the festival attracted 180,000 people and an additional 72,000 on Canada Day.

This year the festival is set to break that record.

"Festival passes and student passes are up this year, and on Canada Day, we had a record attendance," said festival spokeswoman Suzan Zilahi.

While Confederation Park was bustling on every night of the 11-day festival, attendance for the satellite venues, including the National Arts Centre, the Rideau Centre, and Library and Archives Canada, were "dramatically up," Zilahi said. "We had great feedback for those venues.

"Musicians were impressed with the workshops we had," she added. "And people really appreciated how we go beyond headliners. This festival has a lot of depth."

Events included the Youth Jazz Summit, which brought young musicians aged 17-22 from across Canada to Ottawa to take workshops from professionals.

While young talent benefited from the exposure to different types of jazz and unlimited access to concerts, the festival also benefits from hosting the musicians, Zilahi said.

"It's very important to us as a jazz festival to develop their appreciation for the genre," she said.

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

Jazz legend Charles Lloyd prepares for his closing-night performance at the Ottawa International Jazz Festival in Confederation Park yesterday.

"Festivals here always draw a crowd."
James Hale, spokesman

As in past years, the festival — which celebrates its 30th anniversary in 2010 and is Canada's largest after Montreal's — attracted jazz enthusiasts from across the country and the United States, Zilahi said.

Like all genres, record sales for jazz are declining, but festivals featuring the genre continue to do well, said festival spokesman James Hale.

"Festivals here always draw a crowd," said Hale. And that reflects well on Ottawa considering that, unlike Halifax, Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver, the nation's capital doesn't have strong jazz programs in its post-secondary institutions, he said.

"Jazz is like a big house with lots of rooms," he said. And while listeners can go exploring or stay put, "the great thing about the festival is that we open those rooms."

Renovations in store for social housing

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REPAIRS Social-housing providers are gearing up for $46.8 million in renovations over the next two years.

That's Ottawa's portion of the Social Housing Renovation and Retrofit Program, announced last month.

Today, the city's community and protective services committee will decide how the funds will be distributed.

Ottawa Community Housing, which owns two-thirds of the city's public-housing stock, will receive $36.5 million. Other social-housing providers will share the remaining funds with $2 million going to retrofit the Chinese Community Building.

Jo-Anne Poirier, CEO of Ottawa Community Housing, said much of the work would focus on energy-efficiency improvements like replacing windows and doors.

She said they would also be looking at replacing old elevators, bathrooms and kitchens.

Poirier said they were very pleased about the funding, but there is still much more to be done. OCH had planned to spend around $130 million on building improvements over the next two years.

"It's not going to address all of our needs, but it's certainly going to represent a very healthy start over the next two years, and we certainly intend to hit the ground running," Poirier said.

Paramedics kept busy on weekend

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EMERGENCIES A double shooting in the city's west end yesterday morning capped off a busy night for Ottawa paramedics.

Police and paramedics responded to a report of a double shooting in the 1500 block of Triole Street near St. Laurent Boulevard just before 1 a.m.

Paramedics said they found a 24-year-old male suffering from two gunshot wounds to the lower extremities, which caused severe arterial bleeding, and a 51-year-old male who had been shot once in the lower extremities. Both men were taken to the Ottawa Hospital's trauma centre. The 24-year-old suffered critical injuries, while the 51-year-old was in serious but stable condition in hospital.

A stabbing, a car crash and a motorcycle crash also made for an unusually busy Saturday night for Ottawa paramedics.

At 4:44 p.m., police and paramedics attended a stabbing near the intersection of Hardy Avenue and Bernard Street, where a man in his 30s had suffered multiple stab wounds to the head, neck, abdomen and back, and blunt-force trauma to the head. He was taken to hospital in critical condition.

At 6:15 p.m., two vehicles were involved in a T-bone collision at Moodie Drive and Fallowfield Road, injuring a 48-year-old female and a 25-year-old male. Paramedics also treated a 22-year-old male who was thrown from a sport bike while exiting Highway 417 at Walkley Road.

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Free speech in danger in 2010: Group
The B.C. Civil Liberties Association is warning free speech will be in danger during the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, CBC News Online reports. The organization claims students living on campus at the University of British Columbia are being asked to sign away their right to free speech during the two-week event. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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NDP wants more cash for farmers

Federal NDP Leader Jack Layton is again urging the federal government to approve emergency money for Prairie farmers facing one of the worst droughts in decades, CBC News Online reports. During a visit to Saskatoon Saturday, he said farmers need immediate aid, adding he has never seen the region so dry. "Even flying in here from Calgary, just looking down at the fields, I've never seen it like that and I've travelled this country many times," he said. METRO NEWS SERVICES

B.C. pipeline rocked by another blast

EXPLOSION An explosion damaged a natural gas pipeline in northeast British Columbia Saturday, the sixth attack on an energy facility in that area in recent months.

The explosion about eight kilometres south of the community of Dawson Creek, B.C., caused a leak but no injuries and was heard by crews repairing wellhead equipment damaged in a bombing Wednesday, police said.

"The elements of this incident thus far, are consistent with the previous blast sites and the RCMP considers this latest bombing linked to the others," the Royal Canadian Mounted Police said in a statement.

Pipeline owner EnCana Corp. said 12-inch diameter line carried "sour" gas that contains hydrogen sulphide and can be deadly if breathed, but none had been detected by monitoring equipment and there was no threat to the public.

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Low taxes to lure firms: Flaherty

CORPORATIONS Other companies are likely to follow Tim Hortons Inc. in moving their corporate structures to Canada to take advantage of a falling corporate tax rate, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said Friday.

The coffee shop chain said last month it applied with U.S. regulators to return to its Canadian corporate roots. REUTERS

Injured Canadian soldier dies

Wounded last month in roadside bombing in Afghanistan

A Canadian soldier who was injured by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan last month has died in a Quebec hospital.

Master Cpl. Charles-Philippe Michaud, 28, was seriously injured around 9 a.m. local time on June 23 after he stepped on an improvised explosive device in the Panjwayi District, southwest of Kandahar.

He was immediately airlifted to the coalition medical facility at Kandahar Airfield and then transported to the Landstuhl Regional Medical Centre in Germany.

On June 28, he was taken to a Quebec City hospital.

Doctors say he never regained consciousness.

He passed away around 2 p.m. Saturday.

Michaud, who was from the 2nd Batallion, Royal 22nd Regiment based at Canadian Forces Base Valcartier near Quebec City, was on his third operational tour. It was his second time serving in Afghanistan.

Michaud

Michaud is survived by his wife, parents and a brother.

He becomes the 122nd soldier to die during the mission in Afghanistan.

In written statement released Sunday, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said he was "aware of (Michaud's) heroic battle to survive severe injuries."

"The thoughts of all Canadians are with Master Cpl. Michaud's family today," he went on to say. "They are in our prayers."

Michaud becomes the fourth soldier to die in as many weeks.

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Body returns home

- About 2,000 soldiers turned out at Kandahar Airfield on Saturday to pay their respects as the casket of Cpl. Nick Bulger was loaded onto a transport plane for the journey home to Canada, CBC News Online reports.
- Bulger, 30, of the 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, based in Edmonton, was killed Friday when the convoy he was in struck a roadside bomb in southern Afghanistan's Zhari district. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Vancouver **Grin and bare it**

KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO CANADA

Participants at the 13th annual Bare Buns Run show off their decorated behinds at Wreck Beach in Vancouver yesterday. Ironically, participants got a free t-shirt.

Economy tops PM's agenda for G8: Official

MEETING It's hard to say who is more jangled these days.

Residents of the Italian city of L'Aquila, rattled every other day by earthquake aftershocks, trying to host this week's annual meeting of leaders of the world's top eight industrialized countries.

Or the G8 leaders themselves, unnerved by an ongoing global credit crisis, rising protectionist sentiment in pivotal economies like the United States and China, and instability in regions like Afghanistan-Pakistan, Iran and North Korea.

Their agenda — on paper — is ambitious: to advance economic recovery, fight climate change, strengthen international security, and boost development and medical aid for the world's poor.

In reality, Canadian officials privately say, the shaky global economy, and questions about whether it's really hit bottom, are centre-stage.

"The main focus for the prime minister is going to be the economy," said one official.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper leaves tomorrow for Italy, where he will participate in talks about whether new rules are needed to avoid a new financial crisis. U.S. President Barack Obama's officials have already called this summit a prelude to another.

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Toronto wins injunction to allow spraying of trash

Lawyers for the City of Toronto won an injunction Saturday to stop striking city workers from blocking a pest-control company that has been spraying garbage at a temporary dump site, CBC News Online reported. METRO NEWS SERVICES

'Dave is not alone'

Harper eulogizes former MP who killed himself

Reflecting on the life and tragic suicide of a young former Saskatchewan MP, Prime Minister Stephen Harper urged a greater public understanding of the severe anxiety and depression that touch so many Canadians.

At a funeral in Regina Saturday, Harper eulogized Dave Batters, 39, who committed suicide June 30, as a colleague whose energy and enthusiasm "were infectious."

Batters's suicide shook the ranks of fellow Conservatives and others on Parliament Hill.

A few months before Batters announced that he would not run again last fall, the prime minister said, "I became aware that beneath this veneer of optimism, Dave struggled with severe anxiety and depression."

"While we cannot understand why a loved one would act with such sudden finality, we need to know that Dave is not alone. Each year, nearly 4,000 Canadians make this same choice."

Seeking justice

- Dave Batters was motivated to enter politics after the murder of a family friend by her estranged husband, who was out on bail after being charged with assaulting the woman.

Although science has made progress in understanding mental illness, "we still don't know enough about depression, and less about suicide," Harper said.

"But we know this much: Depression can strike the sturdiest of souls. It cares not how much you have achieved, nor how much you have to live for."

Severe anxiety and depression hit men and women "in their primary working years and, most sadly, in their adolescent children," according to a transcript of Harper's comments at the funeral.

"Unlike its myth, depression is not a function of character except that to fight it summons a strength of character, and a great strength of character like Dave's to fight it as long as he did."

Harper praised Batters, who revealed his illness when he announced he would not run for re-election, for having the "courage" to deal with his illness "head-on."

Batters cited his illness and a dependency on prescription drugs in dropping out of the race for Palliser, a riding that encompasses Regina and Moose Jaw, which he first won in 2004.

His decision to enter treatment and to rebuild his health was "the right choice," Harper said.

Harper told Batters' family his colleagues shared their loss but also took "pride in Dave's life and in the greater good he served through elected office and through his public battle with depression from which we can all learn."

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Edmonton **Street performers**

CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO CANADA

A silvery Elvis look-alike puts on a show with a young volunteer yesterday during the 25th annual Edmonton International Street Performers Festival in Churchill Square. The festival continues until July 12.

Report calls for change of rules on citizenship

PARLIAMENT Ottawa should grant citizenship rights to people born outside the country to a Canadian parent, provided the mother or father lived in Canada for a given time before the child was born, says a parliamentary report.

The recommendation from the standing committee on citizenship and immigration comes after Bill C-37, which took effect in April, discontinued the practice of giving citizenship to children born outside Canada to parents who are naturalized Canadians.

"It is in Canada's interest for the government to ensure that citizenship is not passed on to 'citizens of convenience,'" the committee said in its report.

But it added: "We are of the opinion that the parents' attachment to Canada can be measured by the amount of time they resided in Canada before their child was born."

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Mass monkey escape closes zoo

Chester Zoo, Britain's most popular wildlife attraction, was evacuated yesterday after 30 chimpanzees escaped from their enclosure. The animals found their way into a keeper area where their food is normally prepared. "We had an army of chimps eating their way through the kitchen and the decision was taken, quite rightly, to evacuate," a spokeswoman said. REUTERS

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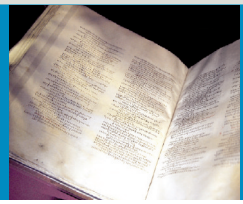

Ancient biblical texts online today

The surviving parts of the world's oldest Christian bible will be reunited online today, generating excitement among biblical scholars still striving to unlock its mysteries. The Codex Sinaiticus was hand written in Greek on animal hide, known as vellum, in the mid-fourth century around the time of the Roman emperor Constantine the Great, who embraced Christianity. Surviving pages include the whole of the New Testament and the earliest surviving copy of the Gospels written at different times after Christ's death by four Apostles. REUTERS

Plane denied landing

Honduran president turned away amid clashes

Ousted Honduran President Manuel Zelaya turned back from an attempted return home yesterday after soldiers clashed with his supporters as he tried to land, fuelling tensions over the coup that toppled him.

Zelaya's plane landed in neighbouring Nicaragua, after he said initially his flight from Washington would divert to El Salvador.

"Faced with this situation, we have to go on with what we had planned, which is a meeting with the other presidents in the region," he told the Telesur news channel from the plane.

Honduras' interim government, which has resisted growing international pressure over the coup, refused Zelaya permission to enter the country and warned he would be arrested. Hundreds of troops fanned out around the runway to protect the airport.

Violence erupted after protesters broke through airport fencing. Troops fired tear gas and clashed with the rock-throwing crowd, witnesses said.

Zelaya, a leftist, was pushed out of office by troops and flown to Costa Rica a week ago in a coup triggered by a dispute over presidential term limits.

TOMAS BRAVO/REUTERS

A protester cries after a battle between soldiers and supporters of ousted president Manuel Zelaya at the airport in the Honduran capital of Tegucigalpa yesterday.

Mixed reaction to Palin's resignation

U.S. Republican Senator John McCain expressed support for his former presidential running mate, Sarah Palin, Saturday as Washington speculated about why the Alaska governor abruptly announced her resignation.

McCain made the comment a day after Palin stunned the political world by announcing she is stepping down with 18 months left in her term.

McCain had plucked Palin from obscurity to make her his vice-presidential running mate in last year's presidential campaign, won by Democrat Barack Obama.

But Alaska's Republican Senator Lisa Murkowski issued a statement saying, "I am deeply disappointed that the governor has decided to abandon the state and her constituents before her term has concluded."

A polarizing figure who is mainly popular among conservatives, Palin has often been considered a contender for the Republican presidential nomination in 2012. Her decision, announced in a rambling, disjointed statement in her home town of Wasilla, Alaska, fuelled speculation that she might be seeking to position herself for a run.

Palin

But some commentators said it was a strange move for one with presidential ambitions, opening her to potential criticism that she quit her post to pursue a personal agenda.

Palin's lawyers released a statement Saturday denying allegations her resignation was linked to a criminal investigation on construction of a sports complex in Wasilla.

McCain's statement of support came after some of his political aides from last year's campaign outlined their grievances with her in an article in the current issue of Vanity Fair magazine. REUTERS

Election results 'invalid': Iranian clerics

IranCrisis

IRAN A pro-reform Iranian clerical group said yesterday the outcome of last month's presidential vote was "invalid," even though Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has upheld the result.

In a sign of a deepening rift among Shiite clerics, the Assembly of Qom Seminary Scholars and Researchers also called for the release of Iranians arrested in protests after the hardline president was declared winner of the June 12 vote.

"Other candidates' complaints and strong evidence of vote-rigging were ignored ... peaceful protests by Iranians were violently oppressed ... dozens of Iranians were killed and hundreds were illegally arrested," said a statement published on the Assembly's website.

"The outcome is invalid."

Qom is Iran's centre of Shiite learning, about 125 kilometrs south of Tehran.

The assembly has little political influence but its statement is a significant act of defiance since Qom is the power base of the clerical establishment.

It follows calls by hardliners for leaders of the protests, in which at least 20 people were killed, to be put on trial. REUTERS

Journalist released: Report

• Iran said yesterday it had released a Greek journalist covering Iran's election for the Washington Times, state television reported. "Because of the humanitarian efforts made by Iran's envoy to Greece ... the Greek journalist was released today," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

Look back on how events have unfolded with our ongoing Unrest in Iran Section at **metronews.ca**

Israel won't base subs in Red Sea

MIDDLE EAST Israel has no plan to station submarines in Eilat, a defence official said yesterday, playing down speculation the Red Sea port could become a forward base for secret naval operations against Iran. An Israeli Dolphin-class submarine took part in a drill off Eilat last week, after sailing from the Mediterranean via the Suez Canal — the first such voyage for the secret craft and a sign of Israel's growing strategic reach, defence sources said. REUTERS

North Korea seeking attention: Biden

MISSILES U.S. Vice President Joe Biden dismissed North Korea's recent missile launches as predictable "attention-seeking" behaviour by the reclusive state.

Speaking in a TV interview yesterday, Biden said: "Look, this has almost become predictable behaviour. Some of it seems like almost attention-seeking behavior."

According to South Korea's Defence Ministry, North Korea fired seven ballistic missiles Saturday, coinciding with the U.S. Independence Day holiday. That followed its firing of four short-range, non-ballistic missiles into the sea Thursday. Biden said on ABC's This Week during a visit to Iraq that he did not want to give North Korea the attention it was seeking. REUTERS

News in brief

G8 Irish singer and anti-poverty activist Bob Geldof grilled Silvio Berlusconi in an interview published yesterday, telling him Italy's failed pledges on aid put his credibility in doubt as he chairs a G8 summit this week. "How can you lead the G8? Where is your credibility?" Geldof asked the conservative Italian prime minister in the interview, printed ahead of this week's summit in L'Aquila, Italy.

CHINA Three people were killed in rioting that erupted in China's far west Xinjiang region yesterday, when locals burned vehicles in the regional capital Urumqi, the state news agency reported. "The regional government did not say how many people were involved, but said they illegally gathered in several places and engaged in beating, smashing, looting and burning," said the official Xinhua news agency. REUTERS

News in brief

CRASH A Walt Disney World employee died yesterday in a collision of monorail trains carrying tourists at the complex in central Florida. The elevated trains collided near the entrance to the sprawling resort's Magic Kingdom park around 2 a.m. Eastern time, according to spokeswoman Zoraya Suarez. The cause of the crash was being investigated, according to local police. REUTERS

Spain **Bull ride**

ALBERT GEA/REUTERS

Spanish bullfighter Jose Tomas is tossed by a bull during a bullfight at the Monumental bullring in Barcelona yesterday.

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Rats, tents and insights

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Today, I'm marking another birthday. Actually the big day isn't until August but leaving it until the last minute doesn't allow for important birthday activities such as reflection, goal-setting and making out a really good gift list. If "it's better to give than receive," I wouldn't dream of leaving my friends and family out of the good part.

Birthdays are an excellent time to take stock of what you've learned in the past year.

Here's my list.

1 If you drive a Smart car, it's a good idea to close the sunroof before you press the windshield sprayer button. Trust me.

2 Advice from my friend, Rob: If you can't get served in a large, well-known Canadian hardware store, start putting together a tent. Rob spent a half-hour searching for assistance with camping gear, finally deciding that all sales associates must be hiding in the back room. I've worked in retail and I can tell you that no salesperson would ever be allowed to do that. That's where the manager hides. Finally, Rob decided to try putting together a tent. Within seconds, three employees appeared, eager to stop him. "They said it was a question of cleanliness," he said, which seems odd, given where tents end up. Rob is now considering carrying a tent around with him in case he needs assistance in other places.

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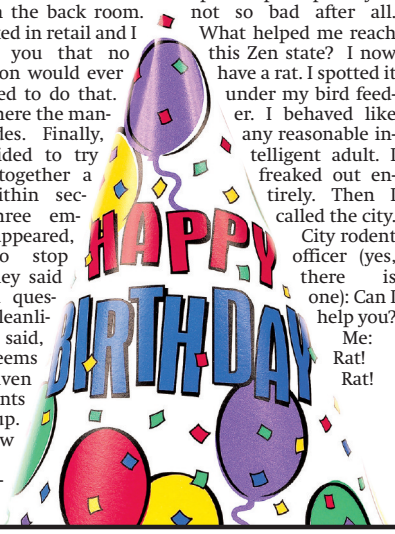

3 For years I've battled squirrels in my yard but lately I've come to accept that perhaps they're not so bad after all. What helped me reach this Zen state? I now have a rat. I spotted it under my bird feeder. I behaved like any reasonable intelligent adult. I freaked out entirely. Then I called the city. City rodent officer (yes, there is one): Can I help you?

Me: Rat! Rat!

CRO: Can you describe the situation, ma'am?

Me: Rat! Rat!

CRO: Rats aren't really more dangerous than squirrels. I'm not sure why people get so agitated.

Me: Um … because it's a rat?

CRO: How often is it appearing?

Me: Every few minutes.

CRO: That's its mate.

Me: That's my other rat?

The lesson? When you find yourself in a frustrating, unpleasant situation, remind yourself of one thing: It can always get worse. This morning I looked out and there were pigeons.

Sunroofs, tents, rodents. Not a very impressive list. But all about being ready to learn from whatever life brings. And perhaps, after all, wisdom is like birthday gifts. The best lessons come in the smallest insights.

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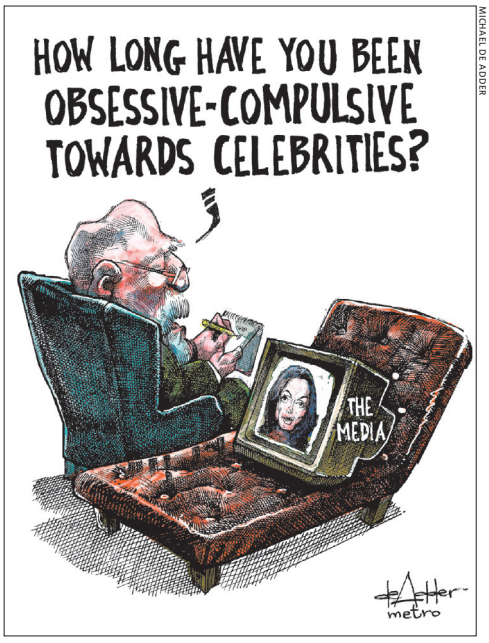

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Views

The good – and bad – of transit drivers

InTransit

Kim Mannix Vermette

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On any given day, encounters with OC Transpo drivers can leave me smiling or gritting my teeth.

Most of the time, I find bus drivers in Ottawa just fine — not outstandingly friendly, but certainly not grumpy either. And hey, I know there are a lot of difficult things about their jobs, so I tend to cut them some slack.

A few weeks ago, however, I really took notice of one exceptional driver.

He said hello to everyone boarding the bus. He called out all the major stops. He gave thorough directions to a girl who hadn't taken the route before.

It was a rare and pleasant surprise to see so much good attention paid to riders who often don't go acknowledged.

Perhaps it's like the law of physics — everything must have an opposite and equal reaction — because, sadly, a few days later I had the displeasure of encountering the kind of driver that makes even a short ride painful.

I stood waiting at a transit station with my husband, our passes and tickets outstretched as the No. 97 bus pulled up — the clear rider-to-driver signal that we need to get on this bus. The driver slowed and stopped. No one got off.

Perhaps we didn't hustle quite fast enough, but just as we were steps from the door, he closed it and pulled away.

We stood, stunned, at the rudeness of the driver.

Seconds later, another bus pulled up and my husband asked when the next No. 97 would be arriving. The driver, who saw the events unfold, kindly told us to get on and he would call ahead to have the driver wait at the next station. When we arrived, the bus was waiting and many people were boarding. I tried to run, but being eight months pregnant, I wasn't waddling very fast, so my husband ran ahead to tell the driver to wait.

"You going to stand there all day?" was the driver's snooty comment to my husband as he waited for me.

"My wife's coming, she's pregnant," he explained.

If my husband hadn't been half-in/half-out of the bus the driver would have pulled away again.

Maybe the guy was having a bad day, but to me there is no excuse for blatant driver rudeness. Especially when there are others who obviously enjoy their jobs and understand what it means to be friendly.

So, to the two drivers, and to others like them, thank you. And to the driver of bus No. 97, I hope there are no others like you.

Lifelong transit rider Kim Mannix Vermette has lived in Ottawa for almost five years. She actually enjoys taking the bus.

Worth mentioning

Alcohol can keep you healthy, wealthy, wise

Moderate drinkers are wealthier, more educated and less likely to be disabled than teetotalers, which explains some, but not all, of the association between moderate alcohol consumption and longer life, according to a new study.

Having one drink a day halved a person's risk of dying over the next four years, Dr. Sei J. Lee of San Francisco VA Medical Center and colleagues found. After accounting for several factors that could influence alcohol use and mortality, the effect was weakened, but moderate drinkers were still 28 per cent less likely to die than non-drinkers.

The first study to show that moderate drinkers live longer than either teetotalers or heavy drinkers was published in 1923. But the jury is still out on whether moderate drinkers are simply healthier overall than non-drinkers, or if alcohol itself used in moderation does benefit health, Lee and colleagues note.

According to Lee and colleagues, people who had a drink a day had a significantly higher socioeconomic status than non-drinkers, as measured by income, wealth, and years of education. For example, 37 per cent of drinkers had a college education, compared to 14 per cent of non-drinkers, and 52 per cent of drinkers had $300,000 in assets, while 21 per cent of non-drinkers did.

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Metro Online Poll Results

70% SAID YES	Has there been too much coverage of Michael Jackson's death? *Weigh in on today's question at metronews.ca*	30% SAID NO

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Say goodbye to beer fridge

Get rid of that old fridge in your basement that chills a few lonely bottles of beer. A 1975 fridge sucks up four times as much electricity as new Energy Star model, according to the Ontario Power Authority. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Going Green

Cotton shirt's dirty trail

Need a new crisp, clean, lightweight cotton shirt? The trail behind it is anything but clean. It comes with a half-pound of pesticides, according to Gillian Deacon's Green For Life. Cotton is the world's most heavily sprayed crop, and at least half of those pesticides are classified as known or possible carcinogens. Choose certified organic cotton instead. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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No kidding, U.S. now green leader

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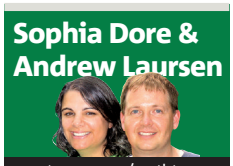
Sophia Dore & Andrew Laursen



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If asked what major global shift occurred in the United States last week, how many would answer: "The loss of the King of Pop?"

With all due respect to Michael Jackson and his family, far more important history was made in the United States, but was lost in coverage of this sudden and tragic death.

While Canadians have been enjoying the summer, heading for the cottages, firing off bottle rockets, and watching Thriller retrospectives, the U.S. has become the global leader on efforts to reduce greenhouse gases.

No kidding! Do you feel a bit like Rip van Winkle waking up to a different world? At the end of June, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill that mandates a 17 per cent reduction in greenhouse gases by 2020 and an 83 per cent reduction by 2050. The reductions are to be accomplished by putting a price on carbon dioxide emissions and instituting a cap and trade system.

Also included is a mandate that 20 per cent of energy come from renewable sources by 2020.

Don't run out and invest in a windmill just yet.

To maintain perspective, many countries have set more aggressive targets, but given the per capita energy use in the U.S., no legislative mandate to date in any country would have greater global impact.

What does this mean for us? Potentially a common market for trading carbon credits. We've been disappointed in the past about Canada pulling out of the Kyoto obligations and developing modest, much longer-term objectives (i.e. for future governments to worry about).

With the current global economy, more aggressive action to curb carbon emissions is untenable (probably more politically than economically). But, examined in the light of America's move, our government's policies seem brilliant. Harper is a genius (stop laughing)! If a common market for carbon is established under NAFTA, Canadian industries may become cleaner more by carrot than by stick. Industries would have an incentive to emit less carbon, being able to sell remaining credits.

Now, before running out and investing in windmills, an important caveat is that the U.S. bill must still be passed by the Senate, which will consider it later this summer.

The legislation could be weakened or killed outright. We'll have to wait and see, and hope.

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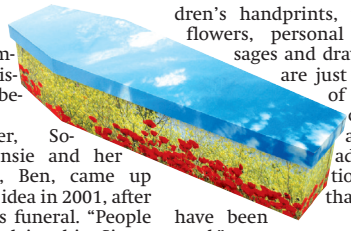
Staying green-friendly right up to the end

VALUES If you live by green values, why should it be different when your final farewell comes, says Eco Coffin which makes coffins from recycled material.

The U.K.-based company, which is challenging the traditional funeral industry, uses a cardboard derivative called NatureBoard which is made from recycled cardboard to build coffins fit for cremation or burial, leaving no harmful emissions behind.



Founder, Sophie Dansie and her husband, Ben, came up with the idea in 2001, after a friend's funeral. "People love our plain white Signature coffin because it can be personalized — children's handprints, paper flowers, personal messages and drawings are just some of the creative additions that have been used."

Nick Brealey, managing director, says: "Choosing an Eco Coffin is not only a responsible choice in itself but also makes an important statement to future generations."

"We have developed a flat-pack coffin which we can ship flat-pack in bulk to distributors. We are currently searching for North American distributors." For more information, visit ecocoffins.com.

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Millions going hungry as global warming shifts seasons: Oxfam

DROUGHT Global aid agency Oxfam says impoverished communities are being hit hard by the effects of global warming, including increased drought.

Oxfam says interviews with farmers in 15 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America show that seasons are shrinking in number and variety. This is destroying harvests, pushing farmers to abandon traditional crops and causing widespread hunger.

Rainfall is reported to be more erratic, shorter and more violent. Unusual weather events — including storms, drier spells and fluctuating temperatures — are happening more often. And farmers say winds and storms have got stronger. REUTERS

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Kuwait needs price of oil to stay above $60 to meet 'budgetary requirements': Official
Kuwait wants to see the price of oil stay above $60 a barrel, the OPEC member's oil minister said on Sunday. "We would not like to see the price go below a certain level so it at least meets our budgetary requirements," Sheikh Ahmad al-Abdullah al-Sabah told reporters at parliament. REUTERS

Business

Posthumous sales fuel fund

For Dutch pension fund ABP, Michael Jackson's death could be good for business. The passing of the man called "King of Pop" last week has created a run on his music, which is partly owned by ABP. "There are always certain songs that for whatever reason, in this case tragic, suddenly become very popular. The last fact is a basis for the investment," an ABP spokesman said. REUTERS

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More window-shop online

The recession is driving more Canadian consumers to shop online, comparing prices and features, but more often than not they are still going into the store to buy.

More Canadian merchants, from women's chain Reitman's to luxury menswear retailer Harry Rosen and yoga wear specialist Lululemon, are finally opening their first online stores, despite the economic downturn. Younger consumers expect it and U.S. competitors are raising the bar, retailers said.

Even Canadian Tire, which stopped selling products online earlier this year, continues to operate a site where customers can check out its products before making a purchase. Early Internet adopters, including Best Buy and Future Shop, are plunging ahead with social media interfaces such as Twitter and Facebook on their websites.

"Canadians are online. They're researching often, and what's most interesting is they're researching earlier," Google Canada spokeswoman Wendy Rozeluk said.

"Where we might have seen searches for patio furniture in the spring, this year we were seeing them in February. Because of the economic uncertainty, people are trying to be much more leery, figuring out where they can get the best deals."

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Opel bidding war not over yet, says German official

AUTO The outcome of the bidding war for German carmaker Opel, currently being led by Canadian auto parts supplier Magna, is still up in the air, Germany's economy minister told a German newspaper.

"I acknowledge Magna's ambitious goal, wanting to sign a contract by mid July," Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg was quoted as saying by Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung in an article to be published today.

"However, there still seem to be some unanswered questions."

Guttenberg said in the current phase "everyone is free to place offers."

Guttenberg's comments come after General Motors Europe president Carl-Peter Forster told another German newspaper in an interview that he expects to sell Opel to Magna soon.

Sources had told Reuters in June that General Motors and Magna had set a target of July 15 for agreeing on the sale of a majority stake in Opel to the Canadian auto parts group and its Russian partner Sberbank.

Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung reported BAIC had sent letters to government officials lobbying for its offer, which asks for 2.64 billion euros ($4.27 billion) in government loan guarantees — less than Magna has asked for, the paper said. REUTERS

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German Economy Minister Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg

Teck Resources sells 17 per cent stake to China

MINING Teck Resources said on Friday it will sell a 17.2 per cent equity stake to state-owned China Investment Corp. in a deal that will help the Vancouver-based miner pay down its debt while expanding China's portfolio of commodity investments.

China, the No.1 importer of iron ore, copper and other commodities, has been steadily buying stakes in overseas producers in a broad strategy aimed at securing supply for its burgeoning economy.

Teck, a top producer of zinc, copper and metallurgical coal, said CIC will acquire the 17.2 per cent stake through a private placement that will raise $1.74 billion. Teck will sell 101.3 million shares at $17.21 each, a seven per cent discount to Thursday's closing price of $18.50 on the TSX.

The deal, which will give CIC a 6.7 per cent voting stake in the company, comes as Chinese companies take advantage of depressed resource prices to buy stakes in producers and lock in access to raw materials. REUTERS

Business in brief

PROTECTION Adaltis Inc., a Montreal medical device maker, said Friday it was granted protection from its creditors by a Quebec court while it works on a reorganization plan. Adaltis, which warned earlier this week that it was running out of money, said the Quebec Superior Court also approved debtor-in-possession financing of up to $3 million through Victoria Square Ventures Inc. to fund operations during the reorganization process. REUTERS

Italy G8 summit

PAULO SOUSA/REUTERS

China's President Hu Jintao and his wife, Liu Yongqing, visit the Colosseum in Rome, Italy, yesterday. China's deputy foreign minister said yesterday the U.S. dollar would continue to be the world's leading reserve currency for years to come. Beijing wants the idea of an alternative to the dollar as world reserve currency broached at the G8 summit starting in L'Aquila on Wednesday.

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Cancellera holds Tour de France lead

Britain's Mark Cavendish won the second stage of the Tour de France yesterday while seven-time champion Lance Armstrong finished safely in the trailing pack. Fabian Cancellara of Switzerland retained the overall lead. Cancellara won Saturday's opening time trial to take the yellow jersey. The Tour ends July 26 in Paris. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Hitler comments draw ire

The World Jewish Congress is calling for the resignation of Formula One boss Bernie Ecclestone, left, after he was quoted as saying that Adolf Hitler "got things done." In an interview with London's The Times newspaper, Ecclestone also said democracy "hasn't done a lot of good for many countries — including this one." In a statement yesterday the congress calls on teams, drivers and host countries to suspend co-operation with Ecclestone. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Federer's 15th Slam

Swiss great wins epic Wimbledon final, breaks Sampras' record

In the end Andy Roddick, like the rest of Wimbledon, had no choice but to embrace the greatness of Roger Federer.

In one of the most heart-stopping and unforgettable finals seen in a grand slam arena, Federer held his nerve for four hours and 16 astonishing minutes before finally subduing Roddick 5-7, 7-6, 7-6, 3-6, 16-14 to claim the trophy he cherishes above all for the sixth time.

As a Roddick mishit forehand sailed long, Centre Court exploded into a roar of deafening cheers and a jubilant Federer leapt high in the air knowing that he was now the proud owner of a record 15th grand slam title.

Among the 15,000 souls lucky enough to witness the momentous occasion was a beaming Pete Sampras, whose milestone of 14 majors Federer eclipsed yesterday, in the front row of the Royal Box.

"It's not really one of those goals you set as a little boy but, man, it's been quite a career," Federer, who has enjoyed a remarkable month having won the French Open title for the first time just four Sundays ago, told the enthralled crowd.

"It feels amazing, but this is not why I am playing tennis, to break all these records, but it is definitely one of the greatest ones to have."

A jetlagged Sampras, making a surprise first appearance at the club since 2002, said Federer had settled the perennial debate over who was the game's greatest player.

"The critics say (Rod) Laver, and (Rafael) Nadal beat him a few times in majors, but he's won all the majors, he's going to win a few more here, so in my book he is."

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Roger Federer kisses the Wimbledon trophy after winning the men's singles final match against Andy Roddick 5-7, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (5), 3-6, 16-14 yesterday in London.

Doubles

• Toronto's Daniel Nestor and Serbian partner Nenad Zimonjic defended their men's doubles title at Wimbledon on Saturday with a 7-6, 6-7, 7-6, 6-3 win over Americans Bob and Mike Bryan.

Former NFL star McNair's death a homicide: Police

SHOOTING Police yesterday ruled the death of former NFL quarterback Steve McNair a homicide, a day after his bullet-riddled body was found in a Nashville apartment along with the body of his girlfriend, whose death has not been classified.

McNair, who was 36, was shot four times — twice in the head, twice in the chest, according to a statement posted on the Nashville police website.

Steve McNair

A semi-automatic pistol was found underneath the body of McNair's girlfriend, 20-year-old Sahel Kazemi, who was shot in the head.

There was no sign of forced entry into the condominium. But police did not speculate in the statement on whether Kazemi is believed to have murdered McNair and committed suicide.

"While it is clear McNair's death is a homicide, the police department is not classifying Kazemi's death pending further investigation and interviews with persons who knew her and McNair," Nashville police said in the statement.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms is assisting police in tracing the purchase and ownership of the pistol.

The bodies were found on Saturday by sporting goods dealer Wayne Neeley, with whom McNair rented the condominium. Neeley called a friend who came to the apartment and called the police.

A witness reported that McNair had arrived at the condo early Saturday morning and that Kazemi's vehicle was already parked outside, the police statement said. Police were told McNair, who was married, and Kazemi had been dating for several months. REUTERS

Sports in brief

ALL STARS The rosters for the July 14 all-star game in St. Louis were announced yesterday and two Blue Jays, pitcher Roy Halladay and second baseman Aaron Hill, were named to the American League's roster. In addition, outfielder Adam Lind will have a chance to be named as the 33rd man in an online vote.

GOLF Tiger Woods won the AT&T National yesterday, making a 20-foot birdie on the 16th and closing with a 3-under 67 to hold off Hunter Mahan for a one-shot victory at Congressional. Bright's Grove, Ont., natives Mike Weir and Matt Hill finished 48th and 70th respectively.

FOOTBALL Bryce Petty threw three touchdown passes as the United States won the gold medal at the Junior World Championship yesterday with a 41-3 victory against Canada. Virginia Tech running back David Wilson rushed for 87 yards and a touchdown to help the U.S. win the first world tournament of American football for players age 19 and under.

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5 Reasons to pay attention to the Gold Cup

JustSoccer

Ben Rycroft

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For whatever reason, hardcore soccer fans in this country tend to turn up their nose at the Gold Cup.

There are very valid reasons for any established soccer-loving country to do that, but this is Canada. And frankly, we're barely on the beautiful game's radar right now.

Tournaments like this one can help that. In 2000, when Canada shocked Mexico in the quarter-finals and beat Columbia 2-0 in the final, the soccer world sat up and took notice — as did the sporting public here. Canada jumped to 63rd on the world FIFA rankings and earned a berth in the Confederations Cup. We were at least on the world stage — even if it was in extra's role.

There are plenty of reasons to take an interest in this year's Gold Cup, but here are the top 5:

1 Ali Gerba. In Gerba you have a pure goal scorer who can brood up and down the pitch for 80 minutes, before turning on a dime and scoring a goal that will have you out of your seat singing his name (applicable even if you're watching the game by yourself). The half-volley he took out of the air, giving Canada the win over Jamaica Friday, was simply world-class.

2 Julian De Guzman is the kind of player who is easy to miss if you're not looking for his contribution. The stalwart defensive-midfielder closes down passing lanes and creates counter-attacking opportunities with a Bob Marley-like calm. He's perhaps the best player to ever come out of the Canadian system.

3 Stephen Hart-style soccer. Unlike some (Dale Mitchell) who have tried to force a style of play on a team (Dale Mitchell), Hart is confident enough to trust his players to a style that suits them. His free-flowing game is highly entertaining. Unlike some.

4 The proximity to home makes travelling support possible. Hosted by the Americans, both the semifinals and final will be in Chicago. As well, Canada plays El Salvador at Crew Stadium in Columbus, Ohio, tomorrow. Red looks great in Crew stadium and best of all, Columbus is now sporting a police force that has been Taser free for 99 days. Here's hoping they make it to a hundred.

5 It's a tournament we can win. And that's not something Canadians can lay claim to very often. The World Cup qualifying in 2008 is now a bad memory. Putting some titles to Canada's name over the next few years would make 2008 more of a drunken blur — which, in a way, is less painful.

Watch Ben Rycroft on the It's Called Football show every Monday at metronews.ca; ben.rycroft@metronews.ca.

SCOREBOARD

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

YESTERDAY

N.Y. Yankees 10 Toronto 8
Boston 8 Seattle 4
Kansas City 6 Chi. White Sox 3
L.A. Angels 9 Baltimore 6
Minnesota 6 Detroit 2
Oakland 5 Cleveland 2
Tampa Bay at Texas

TODAY

Toronto at N.Y. Yankees
Kansas City at Detroit
Oakland at Boston
Texas at L.A. Angels
Baltimore at Seattle

TOMORROW

Kansas City at Detroit
Toronto at Tampa Bay
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NATIONAL LEAGUE

YESTERDAY

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Chicago Cubs 8 Milwaukee 2
Florida 5 Pittsburgh 0
Philadelphia 2 N.Y. Mets 0
St. Louis 10 Cincinnati 1
Washington 5 Atlanta 3
Houston at San Francisco
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego

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U of T launches bridging program for foreign-trained lawyers
With a $4 million investment from the Ontario government, the University of Toronto's law faculty has launched Canada's first bridging program aimed at foreign-trained lawyers seeking accreditation to practice law in Ontario. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Nunavut's first masters grads

At a convocation ceremony in Iqaluit on Canada Day, 21 Inuit women graduated with a masters of education from the University of Prince Edward Island, becoming the first students to earn a graduate degree in the territory. In a partnership between uPEI, Arctic College, Nunavut's Department of Education, and St. Francis Xavier University, the students in the MEd in Leadership in Learning program were not required to leave the Arctic for their education. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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One company's huge impact

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Seen here are some photos of last year's Impact Day in different parts of Canada. Left: Deloitte employees from Halifax. Right: Volunteers collect waste in Vaughan, Ont.

Proving that people can make the biggest impact of all, one company is shutting down its business for an entire day to let its employees make a difference in their own communities.

On its upcoming Impact Day on Sept. 26, Deloitte — one of the largest professional services firms in the world — is giving its employees the day off from work to go out into their local communities across the globe and volunteer their time to help people in need.

In an industry where the bottom line rules all, it's almost surreal to think that an entire company would encourage its employees to skip work and hand out food or renovate a shelter instead. Yet Eric Girard, a Deloitte partner and national chair of Impact Day in Canada, says that's exactly what the ritual, entering its fifth year, is all about.

"Last year about 80 per cent of our people left the office, rolled up their sleeves and helped out in their local communities across Canada. This year we're pretty much shutting down our business to participate," Girard said.

For 2008's Impact Day in Canada, close to 5,700 employees built a skating rink for at-risk youth in Saguenay, Que., handed out free lunches in Prince Albert, B.C., and mentored new immigrants on interview, resumé and job-hunting skills in Toronto, Ont., among hundreds of other projects. This year's event will see more than 460 projects completed across the country.

With employees strewn across the world, the global presence of a large company like Deloitte is uniquely suited for humanitarian efforts because it lets employee volunteers have a global reach. During Impact Day in 2005 for example, employees of Deloitte Grand Cayman helped rebuild residences in the Cayman Islands for victims of Hurricane Ivan and the Deloitte office in Cyprus helped lead blood donation clinics within that country.

Markus Navikenas, senior tax manager with Deloitte in Calgary, has coordinated several previous Impact Day outings in his office and says the best part is seeing employees' self-motivation.

"It's been an eye-opener for a lot of the staff as well — they really bring all the hard work and enthusiasm to Impact Day that they bring to their day jobs," Navikenas said.

Girard believes the true impact of Impact Day even goes well beyond the one-day affair as many employees often continue to volunteer after Impact Day is over, citing the experience as having changed their perception of volunteering.

SunnySide

ESP for your dog or cat?

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Sue Becker once got a call from an owner of a cat named Hades. Kitty wasn't eating well and pacing the house, meowing.

So Becker, 57, an animal communicator, sat down in her comfy family room and mentally connected with him.

She soon got a telepathic message from Hades. He was lonely and wanted to spend more time with his busy owner. He also didn't like his name: He wanted to be called Shine.

At first Hades' owner was a little miffed by the name suggestion. A day later, she remembered: When he'd arrived as a kitten, her grandfather had just died, and she'd often hold the cat singing You Are My Sunshine. When she called Becker to tell her of this memory, she was in tears.

"All species can communicate telepathically," says Becker.

Born in Montreal, Becker always loved animals and got her first kitten at age 10. Nu-Nu was a big grey cat who allowed his young owner to dress him up in doll's clothes.

By high school, Becker had moved to Kitchener, Ont. She planned on becoming a veterinarian, but instead married young (but later divorced) and started working in a bank.

For 32 years she worked in banking. But another grey cat, this one named Ashley, got sick in the mid 1990 when he was 14. Becker immersed herself in research about everything from nutrition to homeopathy to try to help him.

She wasn't able to save her pet, but the readings and courses she did turned into a new career.

In 2002, she scaled back to part-time at the bank, and quit entirely a year later. While the bulk of her work is animal communication, she's also trained to do Tellington Touch, a form of animal massage therapy, and treat animals with Bach Flower Essences. She also teaches workshops in animal communication.

The Lowdown

Job title: Animal communicator.
Salary: Charges $85 a session
Education/training: Seminars and workshops on animal communication
Best Part of the Job: "It's all good: Connecting with animals and people."
Work Part of the Job: "The business end. Although all my years in banking really prepared me for that stuff."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

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Katie thinks she can dance

After weeks of rehearsals, it's becoming clear: Katie Holmes has to know she can dance. "She's really blossoming into a gorgeous triple-threat star," says choreographer Mia Michaels of the actress' moves for the 100th episode of So You Think You Can Dance. PEOPLE.COM

Entertainment

Breakdown

Brad Pitt accepted a ride from the paparazzi — who he famously dislikes — after the motorcycle he was riding broke down on the side of the road late last week. POPEATER.COM

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Massive demand for memorial

More than half a million fans from around the world applied for 17,500 free tickets to Michael Jackson's public memorial service next week, organizers said over the weekend as a massive security operation got underway.

The life and music of the self-proclaimed "king of pop," who died of sudden cardiac arrest July 25, will be celebrated tomorrow at the Staples Center, a basketball arena in downtown Los Angeles.

Officials Friday unveiled an ambitious online lottery that will allow fans to attend either the televised service at the arena or watch the proceedings on a big screen at the nearby Nokia Theatre.

But within minutes, the staplescenter.com server crashed.

"You might want to consider watching this from the comfort of your own home," said Los Angeles City Councilwoman Jan Perry, who is doubling as the city's acting mayor.

The ceremony will also streamed online.

A wide area around the venues in downtown Los Angeles will be blocked off for the 10 a.m. event. Both local and state law-enforcement agencies have been marshaled for duty.

A local news-radio station reported that more than 1,400 officers from the Los Angeles Police Department alone have been asked to volunteer for duty today and tomorrow. The LAPD, which has about 9,000 officers in total, declined to comment on the report or to reveal a staffing number.

A Jackson family spokesman declined to provide details of the memorial service, but said there would not be a funeral procession and Jackson's body would not be at the memorial. Funeral arrangements have not been disclosed, but security has been beefed up at the Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills mortuary, where his body is believed to be held.

SAM MIROVICH/REUTERS

A memorial for Michael Jackson is to be held tomorrow at the Staples Center in Los Angeles.

Officials were also tight-lipped about the cost of the memorial service, and who would pay for it.

Like other U.S. cities, Los Angeles is strapped for cash in the global recession and similar questions about public tax revenues being spent for such an elaborate ceremony surfaced last month when a $2 million US celebration was given for the champion Los Angeles Lakers professional basketball team.

That event, which attracted over 500,000 people, was eventually funded through private donations.

The city has already budgeted for LAPD overtime, Perry said, adding that officials would "deeply appreciate" help to offset incremental costs, such as transportation, sanitation and staging.

Winners of the tickets were to be contacted yesterday and directed to pick up a pair of tickets and wristbands today. The massive demand raised the question of counterfeiting or scalping, drawing pleas from organizers for fans to act responsibly.

"For those that would try to take advantage of this, shame on them," said Tim Leiweke, the president and CEO of AEG, the closely held entertainment concern that owns the venues and was backing Jackson's planned comeback concerts in London. REUTERS

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Jackson book a headache for Jackie O

Michael Jackson crossed swords with a lot of people when he was alive, but perhaps none more important than Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

The former first lady, in her capacity as an editor at Doubleday Books, secured a coveted book deal with the pop star in 1984, when he was still riding high on the success of his "Thriller" album released two years earlier.

"She was only person in America who could get him on the phone," Stephen Davis, the ghostwriter of Moon Walk, said in a recent interview with Reuters.

According to a People magazine article at the time, Onassis paid Jackson a $300,000 advance for the book. Davis received what he termed "a generous flat fee."

The book came out in 1988, topped the New York Times Best Sellers list, and quickly sold out of its initial print run of almost 500,000 copies, he recalled.

"That was an extremely successful book. They made money on it," Davis said.

The obvious next step was to print more copies, and then prepare a paperback version. But Jackson, who had total control of the project, vetoed both plans — annoying Onassis.

"There was so much bad feeling when it didn't go back to press," Davis said. "It wasn't a great experience for her."

Relations between the two cultural icons were already strained, because Jackson had threatened to block the book's publication unless Onassis wrote a gushing foreword.

Onassis, who fiercely guarded her privacy and did not want her name in any book she edited, reluctantly made an exception and turned in a three-paragraph blurb.

Davis had won over Jackson with his infamously seamy Led Zeppelin biography Hammer of the Gods, which was packed with tales of underage groupies, orgies and massive drug abuse.

Moon Walk on the other hand, with an apparently asexual and temperate childlike subject, was essentially "a very, very expensive press release," Davis said.

"The book was very meat-and-potatoes — 'Diana Ross discovered us, and then we went to Motown and we worked for (label founder) Mr. Gordy, and then we went to Los Angeles, I was in The Wiz…'"

"There was so much bad feeling when it didn't go back to press ... It wasn't a great experience for her." Stephen Davis

The book's major "scoop" was Jackson's allegation that he was beaten by his father.

Davis did not think it was odd that a preteen boy was always on hand at Jackson's Encino, Calif., home where the interviews took place over an intermittent eight-month period.

"It was like his ward. It was like Batman and Robin. He was a very nice kid," Davis said. "But there were several of them.

"I'm sure they were bedding down with Mike, but I don't believe for a minute that he ever molested them or touched them or anything like that, or gave them alcohol."

Rather, Davis surmised that they were playmates in Jackson's innocent fantasy world. They would play videogames, watch movies and run errands for him. REUTERS

Urban dismisses Kidman rumours

Keith Urban is more than happy to dismiss rumours that his wife, Nicole Kidman, is pregnant again. "A little bit of tweaking (of photos) does that," he says of where it all comes from, according to Hollyscoop. METRO WORLD NEWS

Magic numbers

Potter is back: Box office big bucks assured

Boy wizard Harry Potter is back in cinemas later this month with the sixth installment of the movie franchise, and another box office bonanza looks assured for the Warner Bros. studio.

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince hits screens on July 15, promising high-speed action, dark and dangerous battles with the forces of evil, budding romance at Hogwarts school for wizards and the expected death of a prominent character.

The wait has been a long one for Potter fans around the world who have followed the fate of Harry and his friends through the seven best-selling books by British author J.K. Rowling.

Warner Bros. pushed the release date of Half-Blood Prince back from 2008, leaving a two-year gap since the fifth movie Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix and the final novel Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows.

The release of Potter books and films are major events for the entertainment industry, both because of the passion fans share for the stories, dubbed "Pottermania" in the media, and the amount of money they generate.

A scene from Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince. The latest in the boy wizard series is expected to be another box office hit.

The seven Harry Potter books, which began in 1997, have sold more than 400 million copies worldwide and turned Rowling into a multi-millionaire publishing phenomenon.

The five movies released so far have grossed $4.5 billion in ticket sales, and box office experts see little reason to doubt that the sixth installment will fall within the $800 million to $1 billion range, a huge amount for a single film.

"This is just a remarkable franchise that has consistently drawn blockbuster numbers each time out, and it is hard to imagine this picture not continuing that trend," said Brandon Gray, president of tracking firm Box Office Mojo. REUTERS

For complete online movie listings, trailers, reviews and tickets, visit: metronews.ca/movies

Box office

Following are the top 10 films at the North American box office for the three-day weekend beginning on June 26.

1. **Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen:** $42.5 million million US (tied)
1. **Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs:** $42.5 million (tied)
3. **Public Enemies:** $26.2 million
4. **The Proposal:** $12.8
5. **The Hangover:** $10.4 million
6. **Up:** $6.6 million
7. **My Sister's Keeper:** $5.3 million
8. **The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3:** $2.5 million
9. **Year One:** $2.1 million (tied)
9. **Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian:** $2.1 million (tied)

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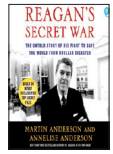
The men behind the politics

Reagan's Secret War

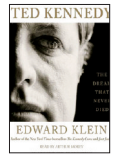
Author: Martin Anderson & Annelise Anderson
Publisher: Crown
Price: $39.95 (Hardcover)



Martin and Annelise Anderson are nothing short of Ronald Reagan experts. Both former policy advisers to the president, the couple previously released best-sellers Reagan In His Own Hand, Reagan: A Life in Letters and Reagan's Path to Victory. In their latest release, the couple focuses on the Cold War and the influence Reagan had on ending it. In Reagan's Secret War, the Andersons make public information contained in millions of once-classified Regan library documents to argue that his long-time motivations were to eradicate nuclear weapons and topple the Soviet Union and that he was the mastermind behind convincing the Soviets to finally entertain negotiation.

Ted Kennedy: The Dream That Never Died

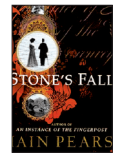
Author: Edward Klein
Publisher: Crown
Price: $32 (Hardcover)



Perhaps known equally for his political life as his private one, Ted Kennedy has been a subject of public scrutiny for much of his lawmaking career. In this new biography, author Edward Klein speaks candidly with friends and family and Kennedy's colleagues in politics to express the man's legislative achievements set against a rocky past. From the 1969 Chappaquiddick incident, in which Kennedy drove off a bridge, resulting in the death of his passenger Mary Jo Kopechne, to his continued womanizing ways, Klein doesn't ignore the controversy in his chronicle.

Stone's Fall

Author: Ian Pears
Publisher: Knopf Canada
Price: $34.95 (Hardcover)



In the early pages of Stone's Fall, its title comes to correspond quite literally to the fall from a window suffered by wealthy pre-First World War London financier, John Stone, which results in his death. But the magnitude of his demise is realized later, when his widow Elizabeth hires a former journalist, Matthew Braddock, to track down a child of Stone's who is mentioned in his will. Braddock, quickly falling for Elizabeth, soon discovers Stone wasn't worth all that he boasted. But as the story unfolds in reverse chronology, a spy in Italy uncovers that Elizabeth herself may not be all she claims.

— BRIAN COULTON/ FOR METRO CANADA

BookPicks

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	196	311	7	CTV	Hollywood	Corner Gas	Law & Order "Falling"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		CSI: Miami "Power Trip"	News (N)
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critics'corner

U-Carmen

There's no bullfight in this reimagining of Georges Bizet's opera, set in modern-day South Africa and translated into Xhosa. Pauline Malefane plays Carmen, a cigarette factory worker romanced by a police sergeant and a singer — changed from the bullfighter of the original. 8 PM on 40 BVO

Law & Order: Criminal Intent

A con man targets a lonely single mother as part of his scheme to hit an armored truck carrying millions of dollars. Nichols and Wheeler investigate the case when one of the con man's partners dies weeks later in an explosion in "Astoria Helen." 9 PM on 7 CTV 9 NBC; 9 PM on 104 CTV

Dirty Jobs

In the new episode "Mike's Day Off," the doer of dirty jobs visits his doctor and challenges the show's executive producers, Eddie Barbini and Craig Piligian, to try some unpleasant undertakings in his place. And he picked a doozy for them: cleaning portapotties. They also try their hands at making custom-fabricated alloy wheels. 9 PM on 42 DIS

Susan in studio
Susan Boyle took time out from the Britain's Got Talent tour to record the first track on her planned album with Simon Cowell's team, people.com reports. "She sounds fantastic on record," says Cowell. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Madge salutes King of Pop

MADGE AND MJ Madonna didn't want to wait until Tuesday in Los Angeles to honour the King of Pop, popeater.com reports.

She paid tribute to Michael Jackson on Saturday night in the same arena where he was to stage his comeback, dancing along with an impersonator doing Jackson's distinctive moves.

Jackson, who died last week, was to begin a series of 50 concerts at the 23,000-seat O2 starting July 13. A picture of a young Jackson appeared on stage while Madonna was performing Holiday, then the impersonator came on, wearing a sequined jacket, white T-shirt, white glove and white socks in the Jackson manner.

The music then switched to Jackson's song Wanna Be Starting Something and the impersonator worked through Jackson's moves, including the famous moonwalk. The impersonator didn't sing.

After the number, Madonna told the crowd, "Let's give it up for one of the greatest artists the world has ever known," and the crowd roared its approval.

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Amy drinking'n'diving?

BAD GUEST Amy Winehouse continues to make life difficult for the staff at her Caribbean hideout. Now they've reportedly banned her from using the resort swimming pool, according to the Sun.

"She is regularly drinking large quantities of wine and rum and no one in her condition should be going anywhere near water," a source in St. Lucia says.

"There are concerns that one night she won't be able to get out of the water and something tragic will happen. Staff have found Amy on a number of occasions collapsed on the grass by the pool after going for a swim."

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Headed to splitsville?

ROCKY ROADS There may be trouble in paradise for Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel. The pair has been dating for two years, but sources tell Gatecrasher that "they've hit a really rocky spot." Things reportedly started going sour during a guys-only trip to Las Vegas Timberlake took.

"Justin had to leave dinner once because Jessica was calling him incessantly," the source says. "They got into a huge screaming match over the phone about how she's always 'checking up' on him. She's extremely needy and is always keeping tabs on him."

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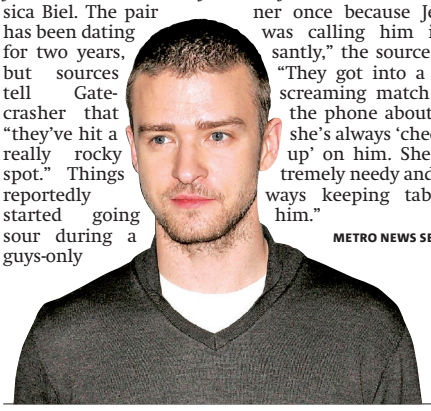

Mandy on therapy

THERAPY TIME Mandy Moore finds therapy "freeing," femalefirst.co.uk reports. The singer started counselling sessions last year and says it has enabled her to talk through her problems without boring her friends.

She said: "You go in thinking, 'Wow, I have nothing to talk about. Where is this hour going to go?' And before you know it, time's up. I don't have to burden my friends with the same things over and over again, and it's fascinating to get an unbiased point of view, to not feel like anybody would judge you. It's very freeing."

Moore also revealed she has an inking of a baby sperm after an impromptu visit to a tattoo parlour with her band. The 25-year-old beauty — who secretly wed musician Ryan Adams in March — told Women's Health magazine: "It's a baby sperm. We were goofing off, writing a song about babies or something. Somehow that evolved into everybody getting inked."

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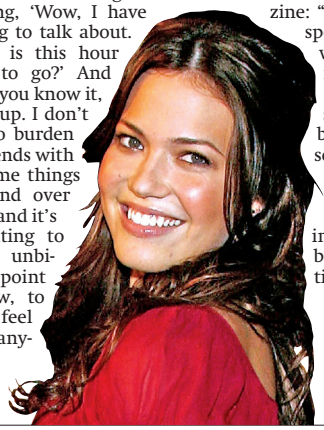

Potter star gets swine flu

EVEN STARS GET SICK It seems that there's no magic spell against the swine flu, people.com reports.

Rupert Grint, 20, who plays Harry Potter's pal Ron Weasley, caught the notorious bug while filming the latest movie in the wizard series but is now well enough to attend tomorrow's London premiere of Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince.

"It has just been confirmed that Rupert Grint has taken a few days out of filming due to a mild bout of swine flu," his rep says in a statement. "He has now recovered and is looking forward to joining his fellow cast members at the junket and premieres this week and will then return to filming directly afterwards."

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Courtney and syringe wreaking hotel havoc

HOTEL ROOM RAMPAGE Courtney Love is up to her old tricks. The former Hole singer reportedly trashed her hotel room while visiting 16-year-old daughter Frances Bean Cobain in New York City recently, according to Page Six. Sources say she left dirty needles and used feminine hygiene products behind after her stay at luxury hotel the Inn.

"She caused so much damage in eight hours and wreaked so much havoc. It was actually kind of funny," the source says. "Minus the $5,000 US in repairs." In her own defense, Love explained to TMZ, "I have not taken drugs in five-and-a-half years but I do have a syringe in here. It's for an emergency, in case I can't see, and it's very dangerous."

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Hayden's 'spin' on botched tattoo

OH WELL Heroes star Hayden Panettiere isn't fazed by the misspelled tattoo on her back — because she doesn't have to look at it, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 19 year old has the saying Vivere senza rimipiantic — meaning live without regret in Italian — etched on her back, but the tattooist made a mistake. She says, "It is misspelled, whatever, I just put my own spin to it. Chances are I'll probably get it fixed, but that's why I love having it on my back because I don't get bored of it."

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Kevin, fiancée hit up some pie

PIZZA CELEBRATION Kevin Jonas and his fiancée, Danielle Deleasa, celebrated their engagement with party for family and friends at their favourite pizza parlour in Los Angeles Friday night.

Jonas proposed earlier last week with a ring containing 211 diamonds that he designed himself, according to People magazine.

"Kevin and Danielle have not yet set a date," the Jonas family said in a statement. "Family is very dear to us, and we hope we have raised Kevin to be a wonderful man and husband."

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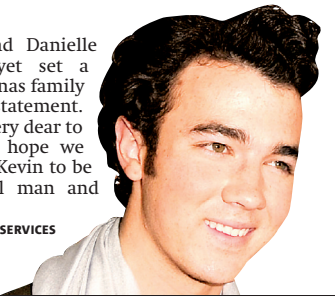

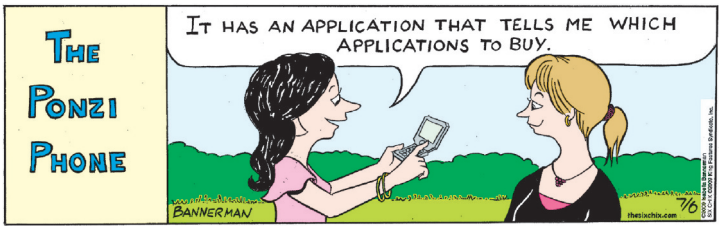

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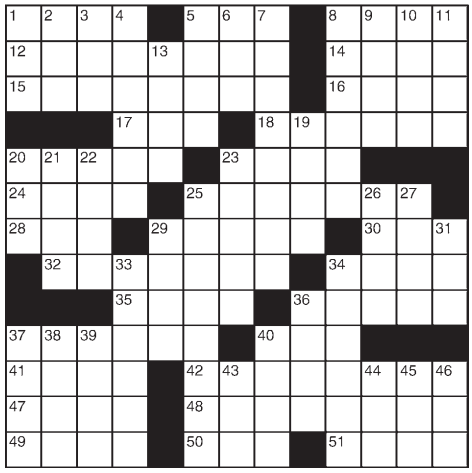

Crossword across

1 Hydrox competitor
5 Bro's kin
8 Hawaiian island
12 Period
14 Opening day?
15 Womanly
16 Give as an example
17 Crossword clue abbr.
18 Whiteboard adjunct
20 Censoring sound
23 Hebrew month
24 Feedbag fill
25 Inge play
28 Dallas sch.
29 Devour
30 Small barrel
32 NASCAR repair break
34 Deuce beater
35 Chooses
36 Song of praise
37 Long-short-short poetic foot
40 Actress West
41 Cheer (for)
42 Voters in college?
47 Initial chip
48 Place where motorists take five
49 "Cheers" order
50 "Mayday!"
51 Sicilian volcano

Crossword down

1 Vacationing
2 Regret
3 Shade tree
4 Pizza topping
5 Mix
6 Charged bit
7 Accelerates
8 Farm wagon
9 Parisian pals
10 Loathe
11 — -friendly
13 Break suddenly
19 Grate
20 Derek and Diddley
21 Aladdin's —
22 Needle case
23 Cars
25 Soldiers
26 Gumbo base
27 Rind
29 Catch sight of
31 Workout room
33 Wobble
34 Infectious fly
36 Treaty
37 Colorless
38 Top-notch
39 Doves' home
40 Disarray
43 Virgo neighbor
44 Mel of baseball lore
45 Director Howard
46 Hot tub

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

5			9		3			6
	9		5		6		8	
		1				5		
		6	8		5	3		
2								7
		4	6		9	2		
		9				1		
	5		3		7		2	
6			1		4			5

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

2	7	8	6	3	9	5	4	1
4	5	6	7	1	8	2	3	9
9	1	3	2	5	4	7	8	6
1	8	7	5	2	6	4	9	3
3	6	4	9	8	7	1	2	5
5	2	9	1	4	3	6	7	8
7	3	2	8	6	1	9	5	4
6	4	5	3	9	2	8	1	7
8	9	1	4	7	5	3	6	2

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

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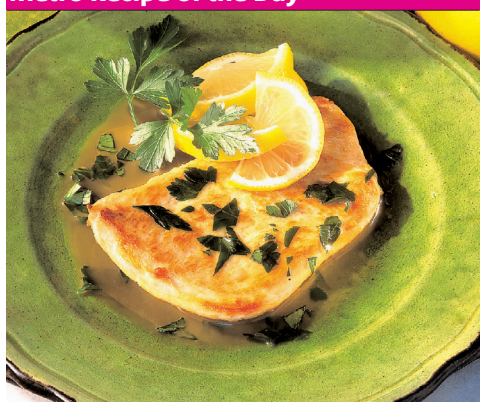

Turkey Escalopes with Lemon and Parsley

INGREDIENTS:

2 lemons
8 sprigs of fresh parsley
4 thin slices turkey breast, or turkey escalopes,
Salt and black pepper
2 tbsp (25 mL) olive oil
3 tbsp (45 mL) unsalted butter
5 tbsp (75 mL) chicken stock

METHOD:

1. Squeeze juice from one lemon into bowl and set aside. Wash any wax from other lemon, cut into thin slices and set aside for garnish. Rinse and dry parsley and set 4 sprigs aside for garnish; finely chop rest and set aside.
2. Place turkey slices or escalopes, one at time, between two sheets of plastic wrap and pound gently with rolling pin until extremely thin. Season with salt and pepper.
3. Heat oil and half the butter in large frying pan over high heat, until bubbling. Quickly fry escalopes, two at time if necessary, 1 1/2 minutes each side, until lightly browned and no longer pink in middle. Then transfer to warm dish.
4. Pour stock into frying pan and heat, stirring and scraping up residue from bottom. Add half the lemon juice, remaining butter, and parsley. Reduce to simmer, add escalopes, overlapping if necessary, and any juices, and heat through for 30 seconds per side. Season to taste, and add more lemon juice if you like, then serve garnished with lemon slices and parsley.

SERVES 4

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You cannot see the whole picture regarding a money matter of some kind, so resist the urge to make a snap decision.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Let someone you have feelings for know how much you care for them. Don't just assume that they know already.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
If others want to cut corners and break rules today that's up to them, but you are advised to stick to the straight and narrow.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
If you want to get ahead in your work and if you want your private life to run smoothly you must put aside petty differences. They're not worth the worry.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Someone who is full of their own importance seems to think they can say anything and get away with it. They're wrong.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You may like to chat with people you hardly know, but don't give away information about what you are doing that might be used against you in the future.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
The Sun in Cancer brings challenges but it also boosts your determination to succeed, so hang in there. Your luck will change soon.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
By all means aim to bring a feud to an end but don't give too much away. Compromise is a must today but it has to be a fair deal for everyone.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
You're not usually this sensitive to criticism but the approaching lunar eclipse is certainly making you more touchy than usual.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
You have rarely been so popular, but you cannot possibly accept every single social invitation. Go where you feel you would have the most fun.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Someone will flatter you shamelessly today and although you know it's a monumental lie you will secretly enjoy the attention.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Your social scene may be a bit boring at the moment but the planets indicate that it will get a lot more interesting between now and next weekend.

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2. Ill rooster/hen offspring (1)
3. Bridal face cover red-tag event (1)
4. More sky-colored basin pitcher (2)
5. Chap's viola cousins (2)
6. Church official's guiding lights (2)
7. Coddler impeder (3)

ANSWERS
1. LAST FAST 2. SICK CHICK 3. VEIL SALE 4. BLUER EWER 5. FELLOWS CELLOS 6. DEACONS BEACONS 7. PAMPERER HAMPERER

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